

**CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BOOK OF RATES AND FEES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**BUILDING INSPECTION FEES**

**ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, SIGN, L.P. GAS AND CROSS CONNECTION PERMIT FEES**

**Assessing Department:**

Building Inspections

**Collecting Department:**

Treasurer

**Description:**

To ensure the safety of life and property from all hazards subject to structure design, construction, occupancy, repair, removal or demolition.

**Electrical permits** include rewiring, change of service, in-ground swimming pool and temporary service.

**Plumbing permits** include addition or replacement of fixtures and water/sewer line replacements.

**Mechanical permits** include Elevator Permits, replacement of HVAC's systems, gas lines, Fire Suppression Systems and Boiler installation.

**Sign permits** are issued for temporary and permanent signs. The city has a Sign Ordinance. **See the City of Salem Building Inspections website: [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov).**

**Cross Connection Permits** are required for all boilers, irrigation systems, and new commercial buildings. A permit is also needed for the required annual inspection. Backflow devices are installed and tested by a third party contractor.

**All permits must be obtained prior to the start of work. If a permit is obtained after work has started, fees will be twice the amount shown up to \$250.00.**

Rates or Fees	Amount
The permits listed above are based on the amount of the contract or estimated cost.	
The fees are as follows:	
0.00 to 500.00 is	\$ 35.00
501.00 to 1,000.00 is	\$ 40.00
1,000.01 to 2,000.00 is	\$ 50.00
2,000.01 to 3,000.00 is	\$ 60.00
3,000.01 to 4,000.00 is	\$ 70.00
4,000.01 to 5,000.00 is	\$ 85.00
In excess of \$5,000.00 the fee shall be	\$85.00 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof
<b>NOTE: A 2% State Tax Levy must be added to all permit fees</b>	

**Legal Authorization:**

**Ordinances, Effective dates:** (06-07-2013) Sign Code Amended; (10-27-1986) Adopted Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code; (02-02-1984) LP Gas fees \$10.00 and \$25.00; Prior was \$1.00 and \$5.00 for LP Gas  
**Resolutions:** 1253 (07-01-2014); 976 (07-01-2001) Revised schedule of fees; 644 (05-01-1989) Revised schedule of fees; 547 (10-14-1985) Policy regarding installation of backflow preventive valves; 386 (09-01-1974) adopted fees; 209 (02-25-1974) adopted the Southern Standard Building Code  
**State Levy:** 1218 (12-10-2012); 1184 (05-23-2011); 1162 (06-04-2010); 1155 (03-08-2009) 2%; (07-01-2008) 1.75%; (04-01-1992) 1%  
**Salem City Code, Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-36; Signs Chapter 66, Section 66-38; Chapter 10, Sections 10-29 and 10-34**